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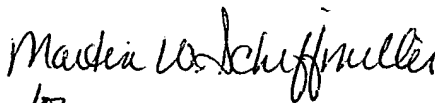
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Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	1,2,4,6,7, 9,10,12, 13,15,17, 18,20-22	EP 1011221 A2	(FUJITSU) See whole document, in particular figures 3 and 6-8, and paragraphs [0012], [0053]-[0060].
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